

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 2
Mtg. Date September 2, 2014
Dept. City Manager's Office

Item Title: Public Safety Focus Group Appointments

Staff Contact: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

Recommendation:

Consider appointing applicants to serve on the Public Safety Focus Group.

Item Summary:

One of the 2014 priorities established by the City Council was the creation of a Public Safety Focus Group. On July 14, 2014, the City Council authorized staff to advertise for participants on the Focus Group. By the deadline of August 12, 2014, the City received thirteen applications. The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the applications received and consider making appointments to the Public Safety Focus Group.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Environmental Review:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section []	<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration

Public Information:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 300 ft.
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting	

Attachments:

A. Staff Report

Attachment A

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Item Title: **Public Safety Focus Group Applicants**

Staff Contact: **Graham Mitchell, City Manager**

Discussion:

One of the 2014 priorities established by the City Council was the creation of a Public Safety Focus Group. On July 14, 2014, the City Council authorized staff to advertise for participants and established two goals for the Focus Group:

- 1) Provide strategies to address public safety and the perception of safety in the City's commercial corridors, and
- 2) Provide strategies to address the drain on public resources responding to group homes/sober living facilities.

Staff announced the opportunity to participate in the Focus Group through press releases, announcement on the City's website, postings on Facebook, and through flyers. By August 12, 2014, the deadline to submit an application, the City received twelve applications from residents and one application from a non-resident that provides services in Lemon Grove.

The following residents applied to serve on the Focus Group:

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| ○ Jay Bass | ○ Melanie Lucero |
| ○ Richard Cortopassi | ○ Charlene McAdory |
| ○ Katie Dexter | ○ Robin McNulty |
| ○ Pam Glover | ○ Dorinda Miller |
| ○ Amy Hall | ○ Scott Robinson |
| ○ Jeff Hammett | ○ Ivy Westmorland |

One applicant is a non-Lemon Grove resident—Carl Deertz. Mr. Deertz is an employee of Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP), has experience with group homes, and currently works with a program that supports independent living opportunities for adults with disabling conditions.

Once the Focus Group is formed, staff will schedule meetings for late-September and mid-October. This timeline provides sufficient time to conduct the Focus Group meetings and prepare for a City Council presentation on November 18th.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider appointing the applicants to serve on the Public Safety Focus Group.